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89. The desirability of enlarging the boat basins at the Market and the Division Cutcherry landings.

Mr. C. I. Chandy (Member, Trading Classes, Kottayam) said that better accommodation for boats had to be provided at the Division Cutcherry and the Market landings at Kottayam. He submitted that it could be done easily, if only the existing basins were enlarged in such a way as to admit of at least ten first class boats simultaneously landing their cargoes at each landing and for the carts to receive them conveniently from the boats. He added that the vast development of trade and export necessitated such increased accommodation.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the subject.

90. The construction of a cartable road from Chathavattam to Poovanakadavu in Mallappalli.

Mr. P. J. Oomman (Member, Changanacherry taluk) said that the existence of a very important market at Changanacherry necessitated the ryots and merchants to seek the town very often. The people of the Changanacherry taluk and of the eastern *pakuthies* of the Thiruvalla taluk felt the necessity for a road connecting their parts with the town of Changanacherry. The road would help them to bring their provisions for sale in the market. The Member therefore requested that a road from Chathavattam in the Changanacherry town to Poovanakadavu in Mallappalli on the Manimala river might be constructed to relieve the ryots and the traders of Changanacherry and the neighbouring places, of their present difficulties.

Dewan's reply.—This cannot be done till the improvement of the Poovanakadavu–Cherukolpuzha Road is accomplished.

91. The desirability of constructing the new building for the Minachil Munsiff's Court at Bharananganam instead of at Pala.

Mr. K. T. Thommen Mappila (Member, Nominated) said that the building for the Munsiff's Court was proposed to be put up at Pala. Pala lay to the extreme west of the Minachil taluk and all the Government offices were now there. He prayed that the Munsiff's Court at least should be in the centre of the taluk and located at Bharananganam. He then described the inconveniences of the people of the taluk in having to go to Pala and said that Bharananganam was the more convenient place for the Munsiff's Court.

Dewan's reply.—The High Court will be asked to say which is the more suitable place for the Munsiff's Court—Pala or Bharananganam.

92. The need for improving certain roads in the Thodupuzha taluk.

Mr. Chacko Eippe (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) said that there were very few cartable roads in the taluk. He therefore requested that the following village roads should be made cartable.

(1) The village road from the 11th milestone on the Thodupuzha—Moovattupuzha Road to the Kumaramangalam Proverthy Cutcherry. It was only 1½ miles long, and, if made cartable, would help the people in bringing articles to and from the market at Thodupuzha.

(2) The village road from Karikode to the Periyattui temple in Thodupuzha. If the line were made cartable, Kumili would become connected by cart roads with Thodupuzha and it would render the transport of paddy and rice to Thodupuzha easier.

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Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to report on the development of communications in the Thodupuzha taluk, with special reference to the suggestions of the Member.

93. The need for a bridge at the south ferry of the Alwaye river.

Mr. P. K. Nilakantan Elayathu (Member, Alengad taluk) said that the town of Alwaye was rising in importance and was a sanitorium. It attracted a great many people on the occasion of the Sivaratri and in the hot season. The Police station, Post and Anchal offices, Executive Engineer's office, Excise offices, Railway station, schools and the market were all on one side of the Alwaye river, while, on the other, there were the Taluk Cutcherry, the Treasury, the Magistrate's Court, the Sub-Registrar's office, &c. The difficulties experienced by the people in crossing and recrossing the river were indescribable. In the monsoons there was very great danger in crossing the river ; but even the school children could not avoid it then and accidents were not uncommon. During his visit to the taluk in Edavam last, the Dewan himself would have personally experienced the difficulties. If a bridge were constructed on a narrow part of the river near the south ferry, all the inconveniences would be removed, and it would also tend to establish a through line of communication with Parur on the one side and Kunnathnad, Moovattupuzha and other taluks on the other and increase the importance and the usefulness of the Alwaye town. He therefore requested the early construction of a bridge at the ferry.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to investigate the matter.

94. Local needs of the Parur taluk.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said—

(*a*) that his proposals under roads were the following :—

(1) that the cartable road from Chathanad to Kuriappalli *via* Parur, already sanctioned, be constructed without delay ;

(2) that the roads from Parur to Edappalli, Peruvaram to Mannam, and Peruvaram to Chennamangalam, be made cartable, and that a bridge be constructed at the Chennamangalam crossing ;

(3) that a road to Munambom from Alanthuruthu *via* Machanthuruthu and Kunjithie be constructed as a branch road to the Chathanad-Kuriapalli road ; and

(4) that a cartable road be constructed from Kannankulangara to Chakkarakadavu ferry.

(*b*) In regard to the construction of the new hospital building, he said that, when he represented the matter last year, he was informed that the plan and estimate had been sanctioned ; but he regretted that the work was not started.

Dewan.—For want of funds the work has been allowed to lie over till 1089.

(*c*) The Member next requested that the Parur—Cheriyapalli canal should be deepened and made navigable through-

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